

Wednesday PM

Hi Vicki & Jim,

I hope the shock won't be too much--finally getting a letter from us! This process of getting two houses ready to rent simultaneously is too much! Of course, if we had kept all the things done around them it wouldn't have been much work-- But you know how it is. Our place is all ready for people to move in this weekend--Did I tell you it was going to be Caroline Bowman Johnson and her family?? How about that! I do hope they will take care of it--and they probably will. There are two boys--aged 8 and 10 and her and John--and he's away driving a truck during the week--

Sullivans moved to their new house in the Amity hills and left quite a lot of cleaning up to do. They hadn't pruned a tree or shrub--nor watered one, either, I think--and the whole thing needs painting. We hope to do the inside but will only have the rest of the week--less the weekend--to do it. The furnace had to have a new firebox too so that took some time. Dad pulled out a filbert tree and cut mountains of branches off of various things and hauled them to our canyon for burning later this month. Jerry is out today helping to set the furnace in again and hopefully to start some painting. I'm working all day again today so have lucked out--Ha-- But tomorrow it will be my turn, I fear. I've about washed my fingers to the bone on woodwork already--Ugh. This week will end the struggle and we'll be able to get back to our own place. I have drapes for our bedroom to put the hooks on and hang and a drapery rod to put up in the livingroom so they can measure for drapes, etc, etc.

We're really very comfortable out there already though. A fire in the fireplace most every night and a spot to stretch out in front of it on the carpet if I wish--Ken and Debbie were by Sunday night and we watched the first part of Gone With the Wind--I had forgotten a lot if it--Debbie has about 3 weeks to go and they're getting anxious, I think. She has felt very well and looks cute--her feet were swelling some then but they'd walked around the day before at the Verboort Sausage Festival or what ever it's called--

What did you think of the election? I was rather surprised after the series of what I thought were boo-boos on Carter's part but I guess Ford made his share too! Anyway, we think we're happy about the change-- Time will tell.

Francie got home from Hawaii and had a good time--stayed with Steve & Patty for about a week--Then she had to be sick for two or three days after getting home. I'm out of space already-- Hope you two are fine--write soon and catch us up on the news-- Or

Call - We love to hear - Take care now -  
Love, Mom + Dad.

Our weather has been very good - except for some foggy mornings.